

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of April 23, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. In addition of cancellation of claims 1-21, which was made on November 21, 2003, claims 22, 23, 32 and 33 have further been cancelled, and claim 24 has been amended. Thus, claim 24-31, 34 and 35 are pending in this application. For at least the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

In the Action dated April 23, 2004, Applicant was required to put the IDS in correct USPTO form in this communication because of informality of the IDS. The correct USPTO form for IDS is submitted herewith.

In the Action dated April 23, 2004, Applicant was required to correct the drawings to be designated by a legend. Figs. 20-27 have been amended in compliant with the examiner's request.

In the Action dated April 23, 2004, claim 33 is objected as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 33 was depend from claim 24 so that claim 24 has been amended to add all limitations of cancelled claim 33. Thus, claim 24 would be allowable.

Rejected claims 25-27 depend from allowable claim 24. Thus, the rejection of claims 25-27 should be withdrawn.

Further, in the Action dated April 23, 2004, claims 28-31, 34 and 35 have been allowed.

It is noted that this Amendment has been prepared using the requested new format. If there are any irregularities in this format, it would be greatly appreciated if Applicant's Counsel would be so advised

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited. Should any fee be needed, please charge it to our Account No. 50-0945 and notify us accordingly.

Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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